

# How do you want to be remembered?

Legacy Giving with Pisgah Legal Services



### LEAVE YOUR LEGACY OF JUSTICE

How do you want to be remembered? Do you want to make life better for future generations? By making a gift to the Pisgah Legal endowment or by establishing a planned gift, you are leaving a lasting personal legacy in support of justice. You are creating a permanent testament to the values that are important to you.

#### **OUR MISSION**

Pisgah Legal Services seeks to pursue justice by providing legal assistance and advocacy to help people with low-incomes in Western North Carolina meet their basic needs and improve their lives.

#### WHAT WE DO

Pisgah Legal Services is an innovative nonprofit founded in 1978 that:

- · provides free civil legal aid to people who live in poverty;
- annually helps more than 20,000 of the most vulnerable people in our communities to meet urgent needs such as: housing, safety from abuse, health care and income;
- partners with dozens of other agencies to make sustainable change for people in crisis;
- · coordinates the services of more than 300 pro bono attorneys in WNC;
- advocates to improve systems and policies that impact the lives of thousands of people with low-incomes.



Pisgah Legal Services provides a broad array of free, civil legal assistance in 11 WNC counties and offers immigration law services in 18 counties.

#### **ENDOWMENT**

Pisgah Legal Services is working to build our endowment to be a meaningful source of revenue to help more people in poverty for years to come.

Our endowment creates a sustainable stream of reliable financial support. Each year, Pisgah Legal faces unpredictability from various government and foundation funding sources. Funding cuts could mean turning away people in need. Endowment earnings will provide a predictable income stream to sustain services that impact so many lives. All or part of the endowment's earnings may be used annually to further our mission.

By supporting the endowment, you are making a lasting investment in Pisgah Legal Service's vision of a community where all people have access to justice. Your gift today to the endowment is a way for your annual support of Pisgah Legal to be sustained in perpetuity.

#### SUPPORT THE ENDOWMENT

- · Donate using cash, credit card or check.
- · Give through your donor-advised fund.
- · Donate stocks and bonds.
- · Donate real estate.
- · Give through your IRA.

#### PLANNED GIVING

You can make a gift that meets your needs, assets and personal and financial goals.

#### **BEQUEST**

Many friends choose to leave a donation to Pisgah Legal Services in their wills and trusts as a simple way of building a legacy of justice.

If your will is already in place, you can include a gift to PLS without executing a new will. Ask your attorney about amending your will through a codicil.

#### **Helpful Information:**

If you are considering a gift to Pisgah Legal Services, the following information may be helpful to you and your advisors.

Sample bequest language:

"I bequeath (amount OR percentage) to Pisgah Legal Services, a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of North Carolina, with the principal business address of 62 Charlotte Street, Asheville, NC 28801 and federal tax identification number 56-1191115."

#### MORE PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

#### **BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION**

You can name Pisgah Legal Services as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement plan or revocable trust.

#### **GIFTS THAT PROVIDE LIFETIME INCOME**

If you own low cost basis, low-yielding assets and are seeking a higher income, a life income gift such as a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust may be worth exploring.

#### **NAMED FUNDS -** [See separate insert]

Any of these funds can be established in your name, anonymously or in the name of a loved one whom you wish to honor or memorialize.

#### Pisgah Legal's Legacy for Justice Society

We hope you will join our Legacy Society, a generous and compassionate group of people who have supported the endowment or included PLS in their estate plans.

#### **BENEFITS**

- Making a difference for years to come
- Joining PLS legacy donors for a special gatherings throughout the year
- · Recognition in PLS in print materials and at events



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ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

"Through a planned gift to Pisgah Legal's endowment, we've taken steps to perpetuate our annual gift so our support continues long into the future. We hope you will join us by creating a bequest, designating Pisgah Legal Services as a beneficiary of your life insurance or making another type of planned gift."

#### **CONTACT US**

You have many options when planning a gift with Pisgah Legal Services. Our wish is to match your desires with options that meet your philanthropic priorities. We invite you to learn more by contacting Ally Wilson, Director of Development, at ally@pisgahlegal.org or 828-210-3444.



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